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INVENTION: "COMPUTER-SUPPORTED METHOD FOR PARTITIONING AN
ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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S I R:

Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the national stage
before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, insert the title --TITLE--.

At page 1, line 4, insert the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 1, line 4 after the title, insert the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to computer-implemented systems for simulating
electronic or electrical circuits.

At page 1, line 18, change "It is" to --First, it is--.

At page 1, line 24, change "Further" to --Second--.

At page 2, line 1, after "for" insert --the--.

At page 2, line 2, change "known from document [1] as" to --the--.

At page 2, line 3, after "SPICE." insert --See I. Hoefer, et al., *SPICE*
Analyseprogramm fur elektronische Schaltungen, Springer, Berlin (1985), pp. 7-22.--